

Government Rental Agreement

Attachment C

POSTAGE METER RENTAL AGREEMENT

1. Postage Meter Rental. In this Postage Meter Rental Agreement (the "Rental Agreement"), the words "You," "Your" and "Customer" mean the participating agency that issues a purchase order for a postage meter rental with Us. "We," "Us" and "Our" mean Neopost USA Inc. You agree to rent from Us the postage meter identified on the purchase order, as well as any other products listed on the purchase order, together with all existing and future accessories, embedded software programs, attachments, replacements, additions and repairs, (the "Postage Meter") upon the terms stated herein.

2. Provisions as to Use. You acknowledge that: (i) as required by United States Postal Service regulations, the Postage Meter(s) is being rented to You and that it is Our property; (ii) the Postage Meter will be surrendered by You upon demand by Us; (iii) You are responsible for the control and use of the Postage Meter; (iv) You will comply with all applicable laws regarding Your use or possession of the Postage Meter; (v) the use of the Postage Meter is subject to the conditions established from time to time by the United States Postal Service; and (vi) the Postage Meter is to be used only for generating an indicia to evidence the prepayment of postage and to account for postal funds. It is a violation of Federal law to misuse or tamper with the Postage Meter and, if You do so, We may terminate this Rental Agreement upon notice to You.

3. Rental Fee, Payment and Term. The initial rental term for the Postage Meter is set forth on the purchase order ("Initial Term"). The rental fee for the Initial Term is also set forth on the purchase order. The Initial Term of this Rental Agreement will begin on the date the Postage Meter is installed. You promise to pay to Us the amounts shown on the purchase order in accordance with the payment schedule set forth thereon, plus all other amounts stated on the purchase order or in this Rental Agreement. You shall make all payments to the address indicated on Our invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of Our invoice. The Postage Meter rental fee does not include the cost of consumable supplies. Except as otherwise provided in Section 19, this Rental Agreement is NON-CANCELABLE during the Initial Term and any Renewal Period (as defined below). Unless You notify Us in writing at least thirty (30) days before the end of the Initial Term that You intend to return the Postage Meter at the end of the Initial Term, this Rental Agreement will automatically renew for successive periods of one month each at the same payment amount (each a "Renewal Period"). We will not notify You that the Initial Term or any Renewal Term is ending. You may terminate this Rental Agreement at the conclusion of any Renewal Period by giving Us thirty (30) days prior written notice of Your intent to do so.

4. Return of Postage Meter and Products. Upon the termination of this Rental Agreement, unless directed otherwise by Us, You shall, after receiving an Equipment Return Authorization ("ERA") number from Us, promptly send the Postage Meter and any other products, at Your expense, to any location(s) that We designate, in addition to paying Us Our then-applicable processing fee. The Postage Meter must be properly packed for shipment with the ERA number clearly visible, freight prepaid and fully insured, and must be received in good condition, less normal wear and tear.

5. Postage Meter Maintenance, Inspections, and Location. We will keep the Postage Meter in good working condition during the term of this Rental Agreement. The United States Postal Service regulations may require Us to periodically inspect the Postage Meter. You agree to cooperate with Us regarding such inspections. We may, from time to time, access and download information from Your Postage Meter to provide Us with information about Your postage usage and We may share that information with Our distributors and other third parties and You hereby authorize Us to do so. You agree to promptly update Us whenever there is any change in Your name, address, telephone number, the licensing post office, or the location of the Postage Meter.

6. Loss; Damage; Insurance. You shall: (i) bear the risk of loss and damage to the Postage Meter and shall continue performing all of Your other obligations hereunder even if the Postage Meter becomes damaged or there is a loss, and (ii) keep the Postage Meter insured against all risks of loss and damage in an amount at least equal to its full replacement cost.

7. Default. In the event You fail to perform in accordance with the terms set forth in this Rental Agreement, or any other Agreement with Us or any of Our affiliates, including, but not limited to, MailFinance Inc., and Mailroom Finance, Inc., then We may, without notice: (i) repossess the Postage Meter(s); (ii) disable the Postage Meter; (iii) immediately terminate this Rental Agreement; and (iv) pursue any remedies available to Us at law or in equity. You shall also pay all of Our costs in enforcing Our rights under this Rental Agreement, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses that We incur to take possession, store, or repair, the Postage Meter, as well as any other expenses that We may incur to collect amounts owed to Us. These remedies shall be cumulative and not exclusive, and shall be in addition to any and all other remedies available to Us.

8. Rate Updates.

- A. **Maintenance of Postal Rates.** It is Your sole responsibility to ensure that correct amounts are applied as payment for mailing and shipping services. We shall not be responsible for returns for delivery delays, refusals, or any other problems caused by applying the incorrect rate to mail or packages.

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- B. **Rate Updates with Online Services.** If the purchase order indicates that You are enrolled in Our Online Services program, then You will receive periodic updates for Your covered products and/or Postage Meter, including updates to maintain accurate USPS rates for the USPS services that are compatible with such products or Postage Meter. **The rate updates that are offered with Our Online Services program are only available for products that are Integrated (as defined below) into Your mailing machine.** For the purposes of this section, "Integrated" means that the covered hardware cannot properly operate on a stand-alone basis and it has been incorporated into the mail machine. Products that are not Integrated including, but not limited to, all Software and scales with "ST-77," or "SE" in the model number will not receive updated rates as part of Our Online Services program (collectively "Excluded Products").
- C. **Rate Updates with Rate Change Protection and Software Advantage.** If You have any of Our Excluded Products, You may have elected to purchase Rate Change Protection ("RCP") from Us for Your hardware products or Software Advantage for Your Software. If the purchase order indicates that You have selected RCP or Software Advantage, You will receive the following updates for Your covered products or Software: (i) updates to maintain accurate rates for the services offered by the USPS and other couriers that are compatible with Your covered product or Software; and (ii) updates for zip or zone changes that are compatible with Your covered product or Software. If any reprogramming is required because You have moved the products or Postage Meter to a new location, none of the services described in this Section cover the cost to do so. If You have not selected RCP or Software Advantage, You agree that We may send You periodic rate updates as needed and You agree to either: (i) promptly pay the then-current price for such update; or (ii) return the unused, update to Us within ten (10) business days of receiving it. Customers with an outstanding Accounts Receivable balance may not receive a rate update until the open balance is resolved.

9. UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT. You acknowledge and agree that You have read the United States Postal Service Acknowledgement of Deposit (the "Acknowledgement") and will comply with its terms. The Acknowledgment reads as follows:

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DEPOSIT.

1. The meter licensee ("Customer"), hereby acknowledges that it must transfer funds to the United States Postal Service ("Postal Service"), through a lockbox bank ("Lockbox Bank"), for the purpose of pre-payment of postage on computerized meter resetting system ("CMRS")-equipped meters ("Deposit").
2. The Customer may, from time to time, make Deposits in the Lockbox Bank account, identified as: "USPS (Neopost POC)" or "USPS (Hasler TMS)." The Postal Service may, at its discretion, designate itself or a successor as recipient of Deposits by the Customer.
3. Any Deposit made by the Customer shall be credited by the Postal Service only for the payment of postage through CMRS-equipped meters. Such Deposits may be commingled with Deposits of other customers. The Customer shall not be entitled to any interest or other income earned on such Deposits.
4. The Postal Service will provide a refund to the Customer for the remaining balance in a postage meter upon its return. The Lockbox Bank will provide a refund to the Customer for Deposits otherwise held by the Postal Service; provided, however, that no refunds will be made for funds remaining in any postage meter that is reported lost or stolen, if it is not recovered within thirty (30) days from the date of such report. Refunds are provided in accordance with the rules and regulations governing deposit of funds for CMRS, published in the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book or its successor.
5. The Lockbox Bank, which shall collect funds on behalf of the Postal Service, shall provide Us, on each business day, information as to the amount of each Deposit made to the Postal Service by Customer.
6. The Meter Company may deposit funds on behalf of the Customer. The Postal Service will make no such advances. Any relationship concerning advances is between the Customer and the Meter Company.
7. The Customer acknowledges that the terms and conditions of this Acknowledgement may be changed, modified, or revoked by the Postal Service with appropriate notice.
8. Postal Service regulations governing the deposit of funds for CMRS are published in the Domestic Mail Manual Transition Book or its successor. Customer acknowledges that it shall be subject to applicable rules, regulations, and orders, and such additional terms and conditions as may be determined in accordance with applicable law. The Postal Service rules, regulations, and orders shall prevail in the event of any conflict with any other terms and conditions applicable to any Deposit.

10. ADDITIONAL UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TERMS.

- A. To the extent that the activities for which the Postal Service is obligated to perform particular functions, those functions will be governed by the USPS Domestic Mail Manual, as may be amended from time to time, or its successor, in effect at the time of the obligation. Specifically, to the extent that the Postal Service provides refunds to customers using postage evidencing devices, the policy and procedure governing the payment of refunds will be conducted in accordance with the Domestic Mail Manual, as amended, in effect at that time.
- B. If the meter is used in any fraudulent or unlawful scheme or enterprise, or is not used for any consecutive 12 month period, or if the Customer takes the meter or allows the meter to be taken outside the United States without proper written permission of the U.S. Postal Service, Washington, DC 20260-6807, or if the Customer otherwise fails to abide by the signs of postal regulations and this Rental Agreement regarding care and use of the meter, that this Agreement and any related postage meter rental may be revoked. The Customer further acknowledges that any use of this meter that fraudulently deprives the U.S. Postal Service of revenue can cause the Customer to be subject to civil and criminal penalties applicable to fraud and/or false claims against the United States. The submission of a false, fictitious or fraudulent statement can result in imprisonment of up to five (5) years and fines of up to \$10,000 (18 U.S.C. 1001). In addition, a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 and an additional assessment of twice the amount falsely claimed may be imposed (3 U.S.C. 3802). A false statement in this application or the mailing of matter bearing a fraudulent postage meter imprints are examples of violations of these statutes.
- C. The Customer is responsible for immediately reporting (within seventy-two hours or less) the theft or loss of the postage meter that is subject to this Rental Agreement. Failure to comply with this notification provision in a timely manner may result in the denial of refund of funds remaining on the postage meter at the time of the loss or theft.
- D. The Customer understands that the rules and regulations regarding use of this postage meter as documented in the USPS Domestic Mail Manual may be updated from time to time by the United States Postal Service and it is the Customer's obligation to comply with any current or future rules and regulations regarding its use.

11. Disclaimer of Warranties. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY STATED HEREIN, WE MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, REGARDING ANY MATTER WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SUITABILITY OF ANY PRODUCTS OR POSTAGE METER, ITS CONDITION, ITS MERCHANTABILITY, ITS FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ITS FREEDOM FROM INFRINGEMENT, OR OTHERWISE.

12. Limitation of Liability. IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY FOR ANY INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF, OR IN CONNECTION WITH, THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH PARTY WAS ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT, EXCEPT FOR DIRECT DAMAGES RESULTING FROM PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGE TO TANGIBLE PROPERTY CAUSED BY OUR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, THE MAXIMUM OUR LIABILITY TO YOU FOR DAMAGES HEREUNDER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL OF THE AMOUNTS PAID TO US HEREUNDER BY YOU.

13. Assignment. No right or interest in this Rental Agreement may be assigned by You, without Our prior written consent.

14. Notice. All notices, requests and other communications hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be addressed to You or Us, as applicable and shall be considered given when: (i) delivered personally; or (ii) sent by commercial overnight courier with written verification receipt.

15. Integration. This Rental Agreement represents the final and only agreement between You and Us regarding Your acquisition of the Postage Meter and any other products or services. There are no unwritten oral agreements between You and Us. This Rental Agreement can be changed only by a signed, written agreement between You and Us.

16. Severability. In the event any provision of this Rental Agreement shall be deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. The parties agree to replace any invalid provision with a valid provision, which most closely approximates the intent and economic effect of the invalid provision.

17. Waiver or Delay. A waiver of any default hereunder or of any term or condition of this Rental Agreement shall not be deemed to be a continuing waiver or a waiver of any other default or any other term or condition, but shall apply solely to the instance to which such waiver is directed. We may accept late payments, partial payments, checks or money orders marked "payment in full," or with a similar notation, without compromising any rights under this Rental Agreement.

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18. Choice of Law; Venue; and Attorney's Fees. This Rental Agreement shall be construed in accordance with, and all disputes hereunder shall be governed by, the laws of the State of Connecticut, excluding its conflict of law rules. The state and federal courts in Hartford County in the State of Connecticut shall have the exclusive jurisdiction and venue over all controversies arising out of, or relating to, this Rental Agreement. The prevailing party shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs and the court shall be authorized to award such amounts.

19. Termination.

19.1 Non-Appropriation.

a. You warrant and represent that You intend to enter into this Rental Agreement for at least the entire Initial Term and that You are doing so for an essential government purpose. You agree that, prior to the expiration of the Initial Term, you shall not terminate this Rental Agreement in order to obtain the same or similar equipment from another vendor.

b. You may terminate this Rental Agreement at the end of Your current fiscal year, or at the end of any subsequent fiscal year, if appropriated funds are not available to You for the Rental Agreement Payments that will be due in the next fiscal year. In the event of such a non-appropriation, then You shall provide written notice to Us that states:

Sufficient funds have not been and will not be appropriated for the remaining payments due under the Rental Agreement. I confirm that we will not replace the postage meter with similar equipment from any other party in the succeeding fiscal year.

19.2 Convenience. You may terminate this Rental Agreement at anytime and for any reason or for no reason ("Termination for Convenience"); provided that You comply with the provisions of this paragraph. In the event of a Termination for Convenience, You shall pay Us a termination charge equal to the net present value of the periodic payments remaining in the Initial Term or, if applicable, the then-current Renewal Term, discounted to the present value at an interest rate equal to six percent (6%) per annum. Such amount must be received by Us within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the termination.

Note: Neopost USA does not rent equipment on this contract. The above standard rental terms and conditions are for postage meter rental only.